

provide a 50 percent tax credit to employers that continue to pay the salaries of Guard and Reserve employees who have been called to active duty.

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Salazar/Conrad Amendment No. 215, to provide additional funding for rural education, rural health access, and rural health outreach programs.

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Conrad (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 210, to repeal the tax subsidy for certain domestic companies which move manufacturing operations and American jobs offshore.

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Collins (for Lieberman/Collins) Amendment No. 220, to protect the American people from terrorist attacks by restoring \$565 million in cuts to vital first-responder programs in the Department of Homeland Security, including the State Homeland Security Grant program, by providing \$150 million for port security grants and by providing \$140 million for 1,000 new border patrol agents.

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Vitter Amendment No. 223, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should provide dedicated funding for port security enhancements.

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Vitter Amendment No. 224, to restore funding for Corps of Engineers environmental programs to fiscal year 2005 levels.

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Allen Modified Amendment No. 197, to increase by \$1,582,700,000 over fiscal years 2006 through 2010 funding for Transportation (budget function 400) with the amount of the increase intended to be allocated to the Vehicle Systems account of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for subsonic and hypersonic aeronautics research.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2005; that certain Senators be recognized to offer amendments; and that at approximately 1:20 p.m., Senate begin a series of votes on certain amendments.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the remainder of the term expiring February 27, 2009.

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S2794–95, S2806–08**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:48 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2874.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY AND AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army and Air Force, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey G. Prosch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Major General Geoffrey D. Miller, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Major General Walter F. Pudlowski, Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, and Brigadier General Gary M. Profit, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, all of the Department of the Army;

and Fred W. Kuhn, Acting Assistant Secretary for Installations, Logistics, and Environment, and Major General L. Dean Fox, The Air Force Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, both of the Department of the Air Force.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: ARMY TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army Transformation and the Future Combat System in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; David R. Graham, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kenneth F. Boehm, National Legal and Policy Center, Falls Church, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine national security space policy and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Acting Secretary of the Air Force; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; General Lance W. Lord, USAF, Commander, United States Air Force Space Command; Lieutenant General Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and United States Army Forces Strategic Command; and Vice Admiral Joseph A. Sestak, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs.

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and the evolving IED threat and the Department of Defense's approach to addressing this issue from General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Brigadier General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Director, Joint IED Task Force, and Robert Buhrkuhi, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On March 15, 2005, Committee concluded hearings to examine identity theft, focusing on recent develop-

ments involving the security of sensitive consumer information, after receiving testimony from Don McGuffey, ChoicePoint, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Evan Hendricks, Privacy Times, Cabin John, Maryland; and Barbara J. Desoer, Bank of America Corporate Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Clay Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, and Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 606, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, with amendments; and

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005, with amendments.

EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine expiring tax provisions, focusing on the Administration's proposals to extend expiring tax provisions, receiving testimony from Robert J. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Analysis; Hy L. Dubowsky, New York State Department of Labor, Albany; Daniel L. Doctoroff, New York Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding, New York; Donald C. Alexander, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld LLP, Washington, D.C.; David E. Martin, M-CAM, Charlottesville, Virginia; David Hernandez, EDS, Plano, Texas, on behalf of the R&D Credit Coalition; and Dale Giovengo, Giant Eagle Markets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

ARMS EMBARGO ON CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lifting of the European Union (EU) arms embargo on China, focusing on United States-EU-China relations, trans-Atlantic differences, the emergence of China as a more powerful global and regional player, Chinese military modernization, and the future security and stability in East Asia, after receiving testimony from Richard F. Grimmett, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Peter T.R. Brookes, Heritage Foundation, and Bates Gill,

Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

OBSCENITY PROSECUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution, focusing on prostitution, child prostitution, and human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Destro, Catholic Univer-

sity of America Columbus School of Law, and Patrick A. Trueman, Family Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frederick Schauer, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1329–1355; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100–102 and H. Res. 159–161, 164–166, were introduced. **Pages H1620–22**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1622–23**

Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 162, providing for consideration of H.R. 1334, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons (H. Rept. 109–20); and

H. Res. 163, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–21). **Page H1620**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1511**

Chaplain The prayer was offered today by Rev. James P. Campbell, Pastor, Christ Life Church in Woodstock, Illinois. **Page H1511**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1511, H1604**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 147, electing the following Members to the following Committees: Joint Committee on Printing: Representatives Doolittle, Reynolds, Millender-McDonald, and Brady (PA); and **Page H1514**

Joint Committee on the Library: Representatives Ehlers, Miller (MI), Millender-McDonald, and Zoe Lofgren (CA). **Page H1514**

Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2005, by a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 77. The bill was also considered yesterday, March 15.

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Rejected the Hooley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 76. **Pages H1524–25**

Yesterday it was agreed by unanimous consent to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Velázquez amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of March 15) that prohibits the use of funds for any contract in contravention of section 15(g)(2) of the Small Business Act;

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Markey amendment (debated yesterday, March 15) that reaffirms the U.S. commitment to the U.N. Convention Against Torture (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 2 noes and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 75). **Page H1518**

Withdrawn:

Obey amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds provided for national intelligence programs until the President submits a proposal on how to inform Congressional committees of clandestine military activities in terrorist-sponsored countries. **Page H1515**

Point of Order sustained against:

Filner amendment that sought to guarantee that companies receiving contracts from the bill make every effort to hire veterans. **Pages H1515–17**

Pursuant to sec. 2 of the H. Res. 151, the text of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly implement